

Remarks

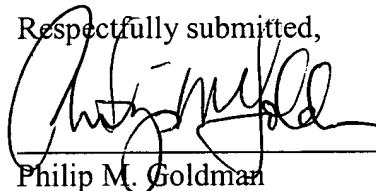
Claims 1-8, 11-18, 21-23 and 27-29 were pending. In view of the allowed nature of claims 11-18 and 27-29, and the allowable nature of claims 4, 7, 8, 22 and 23, in order to facilitate the prosecution of this application, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, have been amended and claims 2-4, and 21 have been canceled. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 5-8, 11-18, 22, 23, 27-29 will be pending and in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the event any remaining issues arise. Otherwise, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the claims indicated above is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910.

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Respectfully submitted,



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